GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians in foreign jails awaiting their release after their completion of period of imprisonment, country-wise; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to get them released?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) As per information available with the Government, the number of Indians in foreign jails awaiting their release after completion of the period of their imprisonment, is as under:

1. Bangladesh - 132
2. Jordan - 1
3. Kuwait - 1
4. Thailand - 24
5. U.A.E. - 120
6. Malaysia - 1800 (in immigration detention camps)

(b) In such cases, the Consular Officer of the concerned Mission/Post visits the detained persons, ascertains the reasons of non-release and renders appropriate assistance such as providing travel documents, arranging air-tickets through family/relatives/friends etc.

Brief Note on the Process of Tracing, Arrest and Extradition of a Fugitive Offender to India

The state and central investigation agencies, on the basis of information available with them that a fugitive offender has taken refuge in a foreign country after committing a crime in India, request the CBI-Interpol Wing to take further action for tracing and arrest of the said fugitive offender. CBI-Interpol then makes a request to International Criminal Police Organisation (ICPO) - Interpol to issue a Red Corner Notice to its member countries for tracing and arrest of the said fugitive offender.

2. As and when a fugitive offender, against whom a Red Corner Notice has been issued, is arrested by the authorities of a foreign country, the concerned investigation agency is asked by the CBI-Interpol Wing to prepare extradition request. The extradition process commences thereafter.